

Wycombe march on —helped by luck

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THE amateurs of Wycombe Wanderers became the fifth non-League club to reach the third round of the F A Cup when they knocked out Bournemouth in a replay full of magic and mystery.

Wycombe's reward is a "plum" home tie on Jan. 4 against Jackie Charlton's Middlesbrough, and Roger Lee, their treasurer, is already rubbing his hands in expectation of a capacity 12,000 gate at Loakes Park.

Wycombe were fair value for their triumph, which puts them in the third round for the first time in their history, but they looked in trouble in the opening



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phase when Bournemouth led after only nine minutes and almost scored several more.

But after deserving to equalise by the interval, but narrowly failing to do so, Wycombe then enjoyed a stroke of fortune—Bournemouth had to change their goalkeeper.

Kevin Charlton had damaged a shoulder in saving at Holfield's feet late in the first half, and substitute John Wingate, normally a striker, took his place.

There was little Wingate could do about Wycombe's 69th-minute equaliser, scored by Tony Horseman, a Great Britain amateur international.

Mystery surrounded Wycombe's winning goal four minutes later. A shot whistled towards Wingate from the back of a crowded box and was deflected into the net by one of the lunging bodies.

Perrin the scorer

A loudspeaker announcement gave this historic Wycombe goal to Kennedy, but later inquiries revealed that Holfield's shot hit Steve Perrin's back before entering the net.

Yet no doubt Bournemouth will argue they should never have lost. Goddard put them ahead after only nine minutes and then Welsh, Greenhalgh and Goddard narrowly failed to add other goals before Wycombe settled down.

Bournemouth:—Charlton (Wingate, 45 min); Payne, Perodi, Howard, Merrick, Hague, Miller, Welsh, Gouldard, Greenhalgh, Buttle.

Wycombe W.—Maskell; Birdseye, Hand, Mead, Phillips, Reardon, Perrin, Kennedy, Searle, Holfield, Horseman (Evans, 75 min).